

## **Listing of the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows and replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application with the following listing of claims:

- (Currently Amended) A retainer assembly comprising:

   a retainer structure <u>arranged to impart a desired shape to the retainer assembly;</u>
   an anchor assembly attached to the retainer <u>structure</u> and arranged to define the limits of motion of the retainer <u>structure</u> in three dimensions with respect to a selected anchor point; and
   an attachment mechanism to secure one or more remediation materials to the retainer <u>structure</u>.
- 2. (Original) The retainer assembly of claim 1, wherein the retainer structure comprises a buoyant retainer structure.
- (Currently Amended) The retainer assembly of claim 1, wherein the retainer structure
  is selectively positionable in one of a plurality of desired shapes.
- (Original) The retainer assembly of claim 3, wherein the retainer structure comprises a
  plurality of sections, wherein each section is moveably attached to at least one other
  section.
- 5. (Original) The retainer assembly of claim 1, wherein the retainer structure comprises plastic tubing, inflatable tubing, closed cell foam material or combinations thereof.
- 6. (Original) The retainer assembly of claim 1, wherein the anchor assembly comprises a plurality of spoke members and at least one tether element, wherein each spoke member comprises a first end attached to a distinct location on the retainer structure and a second end in contact with the tether element.
- 7. (Original) The retainer assembly of claim 6, wherein the spoke members comprise flexible elements.

- 8. (Original) The retainer assembly of claim 7, wherein the flexible elements comprise cord, rope, cable or combinations thereof.
- 9. (Original) The retainer assembly of claim 6, wherein the spoke members are releasably attached to the retainer structure.
- 10. (Original) The retainer assembly of claim 6, wherein the tether element comprises a flexible element.
- 11. (Withdrawn) The retainer assembly of claim 6, wherein the tether element comprises a substantially rigid shaft and each spoke member includes at least one hole disposed adjacent the second end and wherein the tether element extends through the spoke member holes such that each spoke member can move along the shaft.
- 12. (Withdrawn) The retainer assembly of claim 6, wherein the spoke members and attachment mechanism comprise a unitary structure.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The retainer assembly of claim 1, wherein the attachment mechanism is arranged to provide for releasable attachment of the remediation materials to the retainer structure.
- 14. (Withdrawn) The retainer assembly of claim 1, wherein the attachment mechanism comprises a slot and a cavity in the retainer structure sufficient to accept the remediation material.
- 15. (Withdrawn) The retainer assembly of claim 1, wherein the attachment mechanism comprises at least one tray member attached to the retainer structure and arranged to hold the remediation material.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The retainer assembly of claim 1, wherein the remediation materials comprises one or more tubular fabric structures comprising an oleophilic

material.

assembly;

17. (Currently Amended) A retainer assembly comprising:a buoyant retainer structure <u>arranged to impart a desired shape to the retainer</u>

an anchor assembly attached to the retainer <u>structure</u> and arranged to define the limits of motion of the retainer <u>structure</u> in three dimensions with respect to a selected anchor point, wherein the anchor assembly comprises a plurality of spoke members and at least one tether element and wherein each spoke member comprises a first end attached to a distinct location on the retainer structure and a second end in contact with the tether element; and an attachment mechanism to secure one or more remediation materials to the retainer <u>structure</u>.

- 18. (Original) The retainer assembly of claim 17, wherein the retainer structure comprises plastic tubing, inflatable tubing, a closed cell foam material or combinations thereof.
- 19. (Currently Amended) The retainer assembly of claim 17, wherein the remediation materials comprises one or more tubular fabric structures comprising an oleophilic material.